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Dear Ms. Hanlon

I am an engineering assessor that works at the Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station located on the Mississippi River along the Illinois/Iowa border. I am writing this letter to you to urge you and the Dept. of Energy to recommend to the President the Yucca Mountain site as the national high level waste repository. I will not make a lengthy argument; however, I always wondered about the wisdom of having potentially dangerous spent fuel deposited at over 100 reactor sites in the US instead of one secure location.

I think in the aftermath of the tragic events of September 11, it becomes even more urgent to provide a safe and secure repository for our spent fuel. Frankly, Ms. Hanlon, if someone was determined to create a nuclear catastrophe and cause a large release of radio nuclides to the surrounding environs - the spent fuel stored outdoors in dry cask storage or in a pool at the top of a building with nothing but sheet metal protecting it would be a very attractive target. Our reactors are safe and secure, I don't share this confidence for our spent fuel. Isn't it obvious that Yucca Mountain is a vastly better solution for spent fuel security than what we are doing now?

Taking a less paranoid view, Nuclear Power provides a clean and reliable energy supply for the US. Our 103 nuclear power plants increase Americas economic security. We are running out of space in our fuel pools and we need a safe and secure repository to maintain our nuclear option and in turn our energy generation diversity. I could say more, but I think my point has been made the Yucca Mountain is our nations best choice for a high level waste repository.

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